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America's Worst Enemy

Immorality Levels Nation

"WOF IS me! for I am undone,
because I am a man of un-
clean lips, and I dwell in the midst
of a people of unclean lips."—Isaiah

Ancient Israel was destroyed, not
by the armies of
the Assyrian, but by
its own internal rot.
Judah fell, not to
Babylon, but from
its own internal
wickedness. Rome
was toppled, not by
the Vandals and Visigoths, but by its
own internal moral decay.

The outright lies (not "evasive ex-
planations" as the Desert News eu-
phemistically terms them) that have
emerged from Washington recently
are a far greater revelation of the
hollowness of our own moral defense
and witness to survive, than can be
discovered by any U2 flight or other
CIA activity.

America cannot ease the world's
tensions by creating more. She can-
not excuse her own dishonest ac-
tions by pointing to the dishonesty
of others. She cannot make herself
"white" by calling Russia "black,"
however black Russia may be. She
cannot "achieve a world of peace"
by rattling the drums of war. She
cannot lessen a "world of distrust"
by lies.

The seeds of America's destruction
are to be found within her own
borders and in her own actions, and
nowhere else. The only thing to be
observed behind the Iron Curtain are
the weapons they are building for
their own destruction.

"For heaven's heart that puts her
trust

In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls no thees to
guard.

For idle boast and foolish words,
Thy glory on Thy people, Lord!

—Kipling

—Daniel P. Atwood